



Lotto Pa Deporte celebrates their silver anniversary in style

Friday, June 29, Foundation Lotto pa Deporte" (Lottery for Sport) observed twenty-five years of serving the community. The Ministry of Culture, Labor, and Sport hosted a grand, festive evening for the entire island in the Plaza Betico Croes in Oranjestad.

On the stage of the plaza some of the island's finest performers entertained the gathering with song and dance, and Popcorn Dancers, under the direction of Jhon Freddy Montoya performed a hilarious skit combining all those elements.

A special lottery was offered for the evening, at the price of only ten Arubian florins per ticket, (\$5.57) and awarding a prize of 750,000 florins. (\$428,571.)

Aruba's Lotto pa Deporte has raised millions of florins over the years, which has been given back to the community by funding IDEFRE, an official organization that supervises and promotes sport activities. Over the years, a number of beautiful sport centers that are equipped for various athletic disciplines have been constructed to support Aruba's many athletic teams and associations, and to encourage youth to pursue healthy pastimes and physical fitness.

During the Friday evening's gala event, Aruba's Minister of Culture, Labor and Sport, Ramon Lee, along with Hubert "Ipi" Kock, director of Lotto pa Deporte, and Andy Croes, president of the foundation addressed the gathering. In particular, they all honored the founders of Foundation Lotto pa Deporte, Remie Zaandam, Alfredo Rosenstand and Lloyd (Roy) van Putten for their vision and determination. The silver anniversary proved that it was an enormous success, providing a means of income that been channeled back into the community that contributes to the physical and psychological health of future generations.